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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A wireless communication device comprising:  
a keypad having buttons, wherein the buttons have alphabetical characters mapped to corresponding numeric characters;  
a memory configured to store a string of alphanumeric characters representing a telephone number; and  
an alphanumeric converter, coupled with the memory, configured to receive the string of alphanumeric characters and to translate the string of alphanumeric characters into corresponding numeric characters.

2. (Original) A wireless communication device comprising:  
means for mapping alphabetical characters to corresponding numeric characters;  
means for storing a string of alphanumeric characters representing a telephone number; and  
means for receiving the string of alphanumeric characters and translating the string of alphanumeric characters into corresponding numeric characters.

3. (Original) A method comprising:  
mapping alphabetical characters to corresponding numeric characters;  
storing a string of alphanumeric characters representing a telephone number; and  
receiving the string of alphanumeric characters and translating the string of alphanumeric characters into corresponding numeric characters.

4. (New) A wireless communication device according to claim 1 further comprising:  
logic circuitry configured to:  
identify the string of alphanumeric characters stored in the memory;  
retrieve the string of alphanumeric characters from the memory;

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executing a dialing function using the string of alphanumeric characters  
retrieved from the memory; and  
dial the telephone number using the numeric characters.

5. (New) A wireless communication device according to claim 2 further  
comprising:

means for:

identifying the string of alphanumeric characters stored in the memory;  
retrieving the string of alphanumeric characters from the memory;  
executing a dialing function using the string of alphanumeric characters  
retrieved from the memory; and  
dialing the telephone number using the numeric characters.

6. (New) A method according to claim 3 further comprising:

identifying the string of alphanumeric characters stored in the memory;  
retrieving the string of alphanumeric characters from the memory;  
executing a dialing function using the string of alphanumeric characters  
retrieved from the memory; and  
dialing the telephone number using the numeric characters.